

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19-22, 26, 28, 32, 43, 47-53 and 61-80 remain pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 10, 21, 43 and 47 were objected to due to informalities. Claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 21, 43 and 47 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to more succinctly claim the invention by elimination of redundancies.

Claims 46-53 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) for failing to further limit the subject matter of the previous claim. Claim 46 has now been canceled. Claim 47 had previously been amended into independent form. Claims 48-53 directly or indirectly depend from independent claim 47

Claims 58-60 were objected to as not listed as canceled in the list of claims. Claims 1, 10, 15, 18, 23-25, 27, 29-31, 33-42, 38-42, 44-46 and 54-60 are now all properly listed as canceled.

Claims 2-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 26, 28, 29, 32, 36 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Independent claim 10, from which all of the rejected claims depended, has now been canceled. Claims 19, 20, 29, 36 and 37 have been canceled. The dependencies of claims 2-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 22, 26, 28 and 32 have been changed so as to depend directly or indirectly from claim 21 which had previously been found to be allowable if rewritten so as to include the limitations of the underlying independent claim and all intervening claims and which had been previously rewritten accordingly. New claims 61-80 substantially correspond to claims 2-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 26, 28 and 32 but are all directly or indirectly dependent from claim 43 which had previously been found to be allowable if rewritten so as to include the limitations of the underlying independent claim and all intervening claims and which had been previously rewritten accordingly.

Claims 10, 21, 43 and 46-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite. Claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 21 and 43 have been amended so as to delete the term "may" and it is believed to thereby cure the

indefiniteness objected to by the Examiner. Claim 21 was further amended so as more accurately include the limitation that had previously been found to be allowable if combined with the limitations of underlying independent claim and intervening claims. The "different types" of power transmission means refers to for example the mechanical, hydraulic and electric means as specified in dependent claims. As was noted above, claim 46 has been canceled and claim 47 had in fact been previously amended into an independent form from which claims 48-53 depend.

The Examiner asserts that applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection presented in the subsequent Office action. It is respectfully submitted that claims 10, 21, 43 and 47 had previously been found to be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is respectfully submitted that this had in fact been done and consequently, the rejections and objections that were raised in the Office action of October 19, 2007 were raised for the first time. It is therefore respectfully requested that the finality of the last Office action be withdrawn.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant earnestly believes the application to now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that it be passed to issue.

The commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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